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Delmar H. Watkins,

George W. Quarles,

Patsy June Reeves,

Emestine Throckmorton,

Iva Sybil Studebaker,

75, Carson Co. employee.

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74, seamstress.

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74, business owner.

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Officials believe fog factor in wreck One dies at scene; Pampan remains in critical condition at Amarillo hospital

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Today's weather Pampa woman critically injured Carson County Sheriff Tam Terry. when their vehicle ran a stop sign and County.

A Panhandle man was killed and a in the cause of the wreck, said Terry'said.

crashed into a tree at 8:51 p.m., seat belt, was "killed instantly," Terry crash, according to a spokesperson felled tree and then rolled to the left, Tuesday, at the intersection of Texas said. Shipley, who had on her seat for the Texas Department of Public coming to rest on its driver's side, Highways 152 and 294 in Carson belt, was taken by White Deer Safety's Borger office. Volunteer Ambulance Service to James Edward McCoy, 70, of Pampa Regional Medical Center. She Goodnight through White Deer to granddaughter's basketball game in Panhandle, was a passenger in the was then transferred an hour later by near Skellytown, and its northern end 1992 Ford pickup driven by Joy the same ambulance service to is at its intersection with Texas

Claudine Shipley, 66, of 2117 Northwest Texas Hospital, where she Highway 152 just east of the turnoff Hamilton. Dense fog at the time of remains as of press time today in for Skellytown. Crash investigators the accident is believed to be a factor "stable but very critical" condition, believe that Shipley ran the stop sign,

Texas Highway 294 runs from

then hit a large tree, which was Neither occupant of the pickup uprooted as a result. The pickup trav-McCoy, who did not have on his was ejected from the vehicle in the eled partially up onto the trunk of the Terry said.

"They had been to Mr. McCoy's

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By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Three men remain in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$50,000 bond each for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds.

Phonpraidth Naphaivong, 28, Euless; and Po Sonephady, 26, and La Sonephady, 30, both of Fresno, Calif., were arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers at 11:48 a.m. yesterday one mile east of Mel ean for an alleged traffic violation. The specific violation was not available in the DPS report. A K-9 unit responded to the traffic stop after troopers became suspicious of the baggage in the vehicle, according to Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Amarillo DPS office.



Health groups say diabetes along border worse than expected

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - People who live along the U.S.-Mexico border suffer diabetes at a rate somewhat higher than the national averages in either country, according to a released study Wednesday.

The study showed 15.7 percent of border residents suffer from Type 2 diabetes compared to a national average of 13.9 percent in the United States and 14.9 percent in Mexico, said Dr. Joxel Garcia, deputy director of the Pan American Health Organization, which coordinated the bi-national study.

"We were underestimating the amount of diabetes we have here and the amount of obesity and overweight (people) that we have here. It gives us a reality check," Garcia said.

More than 1.2 million border residents 700,000 in the United States and 500,000 in Mexico — suffer from diabetes, according to the study. Most of the problem is attributed to poor diet and lack of exercise. The study included interviews of about 4,000 randomly selected people, more than 88 percent of whom were Hispanic.

Rules change becomes Loyalty Day for Tom DeLay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whether it's flying to small towns to help Republicans raise money or engineering a redistricting plan giving his party control of the Texas congressional delegation, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay delivers for his members.

The canine alerted at the rear of the rented 2004 Ford Freestar van in which the trio had been traveling eastbound on Interstate 40.

Inside the luggage in the cargo area of the van was 120 pounds of marijuana, according to DPS troopers. Also seized was \$1,505 in cash.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Fowl play

Even the waterfowl at Recreation Park lake appeared to be seeking relief from the moisture as they all bailed out of the lake and headed toward higher ground this morning. Yesterday's .56 inch of rainfall brought the November total to 2.52 inches for Pampa, according to the West Texas Mesonet web site. Texas Tech University maintains a mesonet weather station near Recreation Park. For more weather information, go to www.mesonet.ttu.edu.

PHS staff work toward higher ACT, SAT scores

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

entrance exam scores leave room for 2002 and 2003 to 88 in 2004. improvement, school officials told Composite scores dropped from 21.3 School Independent Pampa District's Board of Education Tuesday.

SAT scores for 2004 graduates is Valedictorian Shawn Goodin and

above state level in math by one point, but down in verbal by nine points, according to information presented to the school board members by PHS Counselor Karla Howell at the meeting Tuesday night.

At the national level, students on average are testing 24 points higher in the verbal tests than = Pampa students, and

18 points higher in the math. The number of students taking the

test has dropped from 105 in 2002 to 64 in 2004 104 took the SAT in 2003. Scores have also dropped slightly in the past three years.

ACT composite scores for English, math, reading and science

are .5 lower than the national level, but .2 higher than the state average. The number of PHS students taking Pampa High School's college the test dropped from 117 in both in 2003 to 20.4 in 2004.

On a brighter note, PHS had two AP Scholars in 2004 2004 Ben Briscoe, a 2005 senior.

> Students must test a score of 3 or better on at least three of Advanced tive Placement (AP)exams in biology, calculus, chemistry, English 3, English 4, and U.S. History to earn AP Scholar.

"We usually only get an AP Scholar once every two or three years, and we

Howell and PHS Principal Evan Smith said that administering the tests often conflicts with the band and choir annual spring trips, lowering the number of students who take

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different. I expect to see a big difference this year.' Evan Smith

'I think the

(students')

mindset will be

Pampa High Principal

had two last year," Howell said.

Pampa resident Carily Hernandez caught this photo of white

caps on Red Deer Creek after the recent heavy rains. Weather

officials predict a brief respite from the rain this afternoon and

Friday morning, with more rain in the forecast for Friday night.

Whitewater in Pampa?

Pampa News photo by CARILY HERNANDEZ

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

HENDRICKS, Rosa Lee — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Highland Cemetery, Iowa Park. **REEVES**, Patsy June - Memorial services, 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

THROCKMORTON, Ernestine — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Larry Keith Fuller, 78

AMARILLO -- Larry Keith Fuller, of Amarillo, Texas, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004.

Memorial services were to be at 2 p.m., was extremely proud to be the first Texas today, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at Schooler Division Volunteer to serve as National

Funeral Home, Brentwood Chapel, with Mr. Gene Shelburne officiating.

Private internment will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Fuller was born in Borger, Texas, on Oct. 12, 1926. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1944. He went in the Navy in 1945 at the end of the war. He retired in 1989 from Southwestern Fuller Public Service (now known as

Xcel Energies) as the Panhandle Division Manager after a career of 43 years.

Mr. Fuller married Suzanne Smith in 1980, and they have shared 24 wonderful years together.

As Mr. Fuller moved around the Panhandle in his SPS career, his public service spanned such notable organizations as Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Lion's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Methodist Church, United Way, Harrington Cancer Center, Texas Association of Business, Masonic Rock Island Lodge of Dalhart and the Funeral Home in Amarillo. American Cancer Society.

Rosa Lee Hendricks, 71, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at the Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park with Roy McLaurin, Church of Christ minister of Victoria, Texas, officiating.

Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa and Dutton cousins, Tracy Robertson of Iowa Park and Funeral Home of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Hendricks was born Sept. 2, 1933, in nieces and nephews. Archer County, Texas, and was reared in Holliday, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1958.

She married Jackie Hendricks on Oct. 10, 1954, in Holliday. He preceded her in death in 2001.

bowler, winning many tournament trophies. Survivors include one son, Dicky Don Hendricks of Pampa; one daughter, Susan www.carmichael-whatley.com.

levels, being local division and nationals. He Chairman of the Board for the ACS from 1993-1995. He possessed an awesome work ethic, a passion for the truth and a love. of his family and the Lord. He loved

traveling, golfing, reading and volunteering. He will be remembered as a very giving and involved person who loved people and loved to laugh.

He volunteered for the American Cancer

Society from 1962 until now. He served at all

Mr. Fuller was a member of Polk Street Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Fuller, of the home; two daughters, Carla Burch and husband Fred of Tucson, Ariz., and Cathy Persico and husband Chris

of Boynton Beach, Fla.; a son, Craig Fuller and wife Deborah of Dalhart; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to

American Cancer Society, 2915 S. Bell St., Amarillo, TX 79109; or to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 791760-0001.

Visitation will be from 5:30-7 p.m. today, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Schooler

Rosa Lee Hendricks, 71

Tibbetts of Wichita Falls; one sister, Dollie Harney of Archer City; one brother, I.M. Bowling of Darrouzett; a special sister-inlaw, Granny Bowling of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren, Cody Griest and family, Jodi Underhill and family, all of Wichita Falls, Corey Jordan and Jacob "Little Willie" Robertson, both of Iowa Park; special Coy Lee of Burkburnett; and numerous

The family requests memorials Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa,

Mrs. Hendricks will lie in state at evening and Friday morning.

George William Quarles, 75

SKELLYTOWN — George William Quarles, 75, of Skellytown, Texas, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Private graveside services were held at

Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Skellytown with Pastor Ray O'Quin, a Baptist minister, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Quarles was born Nov. 29, 1928, in Gray County. He married Bernice Quarles in 1983 in Miami. She preceded him in death on Jan. 1, 1996. He had been a resident of Skellytown since 1987, moving from Montana.

He retired from Carson County as a heavy equipment operator.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

Patsy June Reeves, 73

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reeves was born June 29, 1931, in Wheeler. She had been a resident of Pampa www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Quarles of Spring Valley, Calif.; two daughters, Georganne Miller of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Shari Lippman of Sandy, Utah; one stepson, Billy W. Quarles of Amarillo; three brothers, H.P. Quarles and wife Roberta of Landers, Wyo., Leslie Wayne Quarles and wife Judy of Jeffrey, Wyo., and Johnny H. Quarles and wife Lajauna of Lubbock; three sisters, Clara Hupp and Frankie Derr and husband Bill, all of Pampa, and Eddie Mae Sargent and husband Walter of Baytown; one sister-in-law, Claudia Quarles of Pampa; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchil-

Survivors include three sons, Greg

Quarles of Billings, Mont., Gaylen Quarles

of Rancho Cordova, Calif., and Leslie

dren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Winford Quarles; and two sisters, Marie Howard and Burtie Gallegly.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Patsy June Reeves, 73, of Pampa, died most of her life and was a Methodist.

She married Ken Reeves on Feb. 14. 1984, at Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband, Ken, of the home; a son, Craig Brazier of Flower Mound; two stepsons, Kent Reeves of Stephenville and Cary Reeves of Aledo; a sister, Jeri Robertson of Borger; two grandchildren; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

-Sign the on-line register book at

Ernestine Throckmorton, 74

Ernestine Throckmorton, 74, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Pampa.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Lowry, associate pastor of the Bethel Baptist Temple in Tulsa, Okla., officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Jan. 9, 1930, at Taloga, Okla., Mrs. Throckmorton moved to Pampa in 1963. She worked for Marie Foundation as a seam-

Iva Sybil Studebaker, 94

Iva Sybil Studebaker, 94, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Independent School District for 20 years. Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael- Church. Whatley Funeral Directors.

stress for 10 years and was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathline McConnell of Pampa; two sons, Steve Brown of Clinton, Okla., and Bill Brown of Pampa; three sisters, Ann Gorbett of Oklahoma City, Okla., Ruby Rogers of Tuttle, Okla., and Carolyn Hill of Manhattan, Kan.; a brother, Darrell McCray of Weatherford, Okla.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

She was a cafeteria cook for the Pampa She was a member of the First Baptist

Survivors include two sons, Bill

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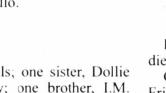
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Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home until 12 noon on Thursday and will lie in state at She was a homemaker. She was an avid Dutton Funeral Home in Iowa Park Thursday

Delmar Harrell Watkins, 74

Memorial services for Delmar Harrell was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed hunting, Watkins, born June 1, 1930, in Heavner, Okla., will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Scott Penrod, pastor, officiating. A reception will follow at the Pampa Country Club.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Watkins passed away Nov. 11, 2004, at his home in Dallas, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Watkins; sons, Joe Watkins and Mike Watkins; daughter-in-law, Shelly Watkins; three grandchildren, Ross, Allison and Blake Watkins; and one great-grandchild, Averie Watkins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Delmar Watkins and Lucille Culbertson Watkins.

He was a graduate of Canadian High School, Canadian, Okla., in 1948. He then joined the U.S. Air Force where he served from 1948 to 1951 while based in Alaska.

He attended Oklahoma A&M from 1952 to 1953 and North Texas State University from 1953 to 1955. As he received his education from the aforementioned, he played basketball and excelled in these teams.

Delmar was a member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

Delmar was a Mason. He was a member of Northwood Club in Dallas, Texas, where he



Watkins

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fishing, traveling and loved to be with his fam-

ily. Mr. Watkins began his career with NCR and was a Representative from 1955 to 1962. He was the owner and operator of 26 Gibson'

Discount Centers from 1962-1983. He owned Handy Hammer Building Supply Centers fron 1980-1988.

He was in Cattle Ranching from 1966-1993 in McAlester, Okla, He was an Oil and Gas Developer Producer and Operator from 197 to present. He was in Commercia Real Estate from 1962 to present president of Sandr as Corporation.

Delmar, who was also an author, had his first book published in October 2004. The name of the book is "The River of Life.

Memorial Services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at Sparkman/Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel. There will be a second memorial service in Pampa, Texas, at a date to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Scottish Rite Hospital of Dallas, Texas, or Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas.

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Mrs. Studebaker was born Nov. 15, 1910, in Canadian County, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1935.

She married Bill Studebaker on Feb. 26, 1932, in Cordell, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1989.

Studebaker and Russell Loy Studebaker, both of Tulsa, Okla.; one granddaughter, Susan Rush of Porter, Okla.; and three greatgrandchildren.

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Emergency Services

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Sunday, Nov. 14

Criminal mischief was

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Monday, Nov. 15

Unlawful possession of a

Wednesday, Nov. 17

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School, 111 E. Harvester.

The incident occurred in the

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No injuries were reported.

firearm was reported in the

1100 block of Darby.

arrest

A female runaway was Pampa PD reported in the 700 block of Police Department today reported the following incidents and

North West. The alleged runaway also reportedly stole a green Chevrolet suburban from her family.

Randell Menefield, 45, 335 Magnolia, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road for public intoxication.

Thursday, Nov. 18 Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of West Browning. A double pane window was reportedly shot out, for an estimated \$1,200 in damage.

Accidents

Police Pampa Department reported the following accidents today.

Sunday, Nov. 14 8:31 a.m. – An unknown Chevrolet pickup with unknown driver was northbound in the 400 block of South Hughes when it struck a tree, then an aluminum fence, and then fled the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued. An estimated

\$700 in damage was done to

the fence.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 Phonpraidth Naphaivong, 28, Euless, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds. Sonephady, 26, Po

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Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Nov. 18

1:29 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of Beryl.

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Assessments: Insurgents' will to fight not broken

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Gen. John Abizaid

of Fallujah has not broken the insurgents' will to fight and may not pay the big dividend U.S. forces in the Middle East, said during a U.S. planners had hoped — to improve secu- visit to Iraq this week that the Fallujah offenrity enough to hold national elections in sive was a major blow to the insurgents, and Sunni Muslim areas of central Iraq, accord- he said the only way the U.S. forces and their ing to U.S. and Iraqi assessments.

Instead, the battle for control of the Sunni their will. city 40 miles west of Baghdad has sharpened

gious groups, fueled anti-American sentiment and stoked the 18-month-old Sunni insurgency.

Those grim assessments, expressed privately by some U.S. military officials and by some private experts on Iraq. raise doubts as to whether the January election will produce a government with sufficient legitimacy, especially in the eyes of the country's powerful Sunni Muslim minority.

Even before the battle for Fallujah began Nov. 8, U.S.

planners understood that capturing the city, officials in Iraq concluded the population of where U.S. troops are still fighting pockets of Anbar province, which includes Fallujah, place in the volatile Sunni areas north and west of Baghdad.

The next steps include solidifying Iraqi battle damage and winning the trust of the people of Fallujah.

That requires, among other things, an radical Sunni clerics who ran the city.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The recapture effective Iraqi police and security force. Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of all Iraqi allies can be defeated is if they lose

"But we are also under no illusions. We divisions among Iraq's major ethnic and reli- know that the enemy will continue to fight," he told the Pentagon's inter-

nal news service. Speaking to reporters on Capitol Hill, Lt. Gen. Lance

L. Smith said the military now had to keep the insurgency from regrouping.

"The issue for us at Central Command is make sure we keep the pressure on the terrorists and not allow another safe haven to occur, and we're going to do that," Smith said.

The Associated Press has learned that U.S. military

resistance, was only the first step in building Ramadi, has been intimidated by the guerrilenough security to allow the election to take las and that the provincial security forces are nonfunctioning and their ranks infiltrated by guerrilla sympathizers.

Before the attack on Fallujah began last government control, repairing the substantial week, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi formally dissolved the city's police and security forces, which had fallen under control of the



Several of the merchants participating in the "Shop Pampa and Win" promotion recently met with Mayor Lonny Robbins as he signed a proclamation declaring November as "SHOP PAMPA MONTH." Businesses represented in photo are Brown's Shoe Fit, Texas Furniture, Trash & Treasure, Sears, One Stop Flooring, The Coffee Shop, Wayne's Western Wear, Tarpley Music Co. and Heard & Jones Healthmart.

Retail Committee sponsors 'Shop Pampa and Win'

Commerce members are proclamation participating in the Chamber November as "Shop Pampa Retail committee's "Shop Month." Pampa and Win" promotion

Friday, Dec. 3. Robbins met recently with a Christmas shopping list, two drawings on Saturday, number of the participating says Clay Rice, executive Dec. 4, Rice added.

Many Pampa Chamber of merchants and signed a director of the local declaring Chamber.

Those shopping the participating "Shop Pampa and Pampa merchants provide Win" merchants have an taking place now through a wide variety of competi- opportunity to not only pick tive items that are sure to be up some great buys, but also City Mayor Lonny found on every one's to win Pampa Bucks during

STOREWIDE SAVINGS, FRIDAY THRU MONDAY!





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the tests and possibly affecting the scores.

Smith said high school staff hope to better educate students on the advantages of taking and scoring well on the tests.

"I think the mindset will be different," she said. "I expect to see a big difference this year.

cate the students. We've \$12,083,154.58; and

exams before graduation. Also on Tuesday, the

board approved the following: · Approved on second reading the TASB Policy Update 73, then amended to remove DEA Local policy

concerning compensation and benefits for further review; Pampa ISD District plan

presented by Tonya Larkin; Softball athletic bids;

• 2004 tax roll reflecting \$794,006,402 in taxable val-"We hope to better edu- ues for a tax levy of

Hiring Jordon Holmes as

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talked to a lot of them and they didn't realize the benefit they could receive from scoring well on this (AP) test \rightarrow that they would get a great deal of college credit. more than just dual credit that they were already getting."

Howell said the number of students taking the test has declined, but also the total number of seniors has declined as well.

Preliminary results of exit level testing released by the Texas Education Agency on Friday indicate that 175 seniors are projected to graduate from PHS in 2005, Howell said.

"We have 11 who still need to pass one or more exit level (TAKS) tests before they can graduate," she said.

Smith said high school staff members are working intensively with these students to help them pass the

Wreck

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Panhandle," Terry said. Emergency personnel at the crash scene also included representatives of Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department, the Skellytown Chief of Police, and White

Drugs

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Kurt Curfman, who set bond for the three, said this morning that there was a question whether all three

director on a probationary contract for the remainder of the school year. Board members discussed but took no action on these

subjects: · Participation in the Center for Schlechty Leadership in School Reform's Standard Bearer's Network:

· Contracting with JRC as a third party employer for some district vacancies. Superintendent Barry Haenisch said he would probably bring a recommendation to the board at the December meeting;

• Use of school facilities by non-school groups.

Kathy Carter, ESL coordinator, presented an annual update on the district's efforts to help students who speak English as a second language.

Volunteer Fire Deer Department.

Services for McCoy will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Christian Church of Panhandle, with burial following at Panhandle Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

were U.S. citizens or in this country legally. "Investigators believe this

load originated in Fresno and was headed for the Fort Worth area," Beighle said. The marijuana has an estimated value of \$71,760.



Rates on 30-year and 15-year Thursday. That was down mortgages dipped this week, from 5.76 percent last week. a development that should help keep the housing market gages hit a high this year of humming.

rate mortgages averaged 5.74 while bouncing around, driftpercent for the week ending ed lower. Nov. 18, Freddie Mac said in

WASHINGTON (AP) — its weekly survey released Rates on 30-year mort-6.34 percent the week of Rates on 30-year, fixed- May 13. After that, rates,

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Viewpoints

Policing ship wrecks like Titanic not realistic

A vast graveyard of manmade objects litter the bottom of the earth's great expanses of H₂O, glimpses of tragedy and human travail resting beneath gallons and gallons of warm ultramarine or limitless icy blue water.

Ghostly hulls and lonely metal sentinels, the wreckage of countless water – and aircraft accidents, populate this often mysterious undersea terrain.

A few of these wrecks are remembered only through the artifacts brought up from the depths.

Such items afford a peek into another world, foreign to a multitude of landlubbers, some even provide us a window into another time.

been pilfering articles from downed vessels the world over.

It is, I believe, a practice of long-standing. That is why these types of materials are so aptly distinguished as artifacts or "treasures."

Famed U.S. explorer Bob Ballard is taking exception, however, to treating the Titanic in such a fashion. She is no mere shipwreck, he argues. She is an under sea grave.

Well, aren't they all?

Ballard is making petition to Congress to pass legislation to "protect" the legendary ship.

"If we can't protect the

For years, divers have anything. The Titanic is my no doubt unrealistic and these issues he has taken so soap box to talk about this larger issue about ancient history," an on-line article by Reuters quotes Ballard as saying.

The Titanic is a ship

n o t Skyla Bryant News Editor be policed, not

realistically anyway, at the bottom of the ocean, but that, evidently, makes no difference to the

explorer who would have us waste our precious, hard-Titanic, we can't protect earned taxpayer dollars on a given some consideration to

thankless task.

If he is such a respecter of ancient history, why then does he object to preserving a portion of that history in a museum or some other venue of public display

rather than allowing the elements to reclaim it so it can be valued by precisely nobody? Why should

the Titanic be on display to a mere select few? Perhaps the explorer protests too much.

Perhaps he should have

exception to *before* profiting from finding the downed vessel. Perhaps he should have thought about the consequences before so indiscriminately making its whereabouts public. Now is too late.

Ballard has, according to the article, re-visited the wreck, taken extensive photographs of its current condition and is preparing a book for publication with a "before" and "after" pictorial.

In classic dog-in-manger style, it seems Mr. Ballard is anxious that no one profit from the Titanic ... except him.

Whatever historic artifacts

the ship still contains are rotting at the bottom of the ocean.

For the life of me, I can see no sense in that. The Titanic and its horrific end has fascinated generations and continues to do so.

Why shouldn't what remains be salvaged as a reminder of the victims' harrowing death?

If the ship is a museum, as suggested by Ballard in the Reuter's article, then like a museum it must be available for a greater part of the public to see. ***

Write to News Editor Skyla Bryant at lifestyles@thepampanews.com

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Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 18, the 323rd day of 2004. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1928, the first successful sound-synchronized animated cartoon, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

On this date:

In 1820, U.S. Navy Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer discovered the frozen continent of Antarctica.

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York at age 56.

In 1903, the United States and Panama signed a treaty granting the U.S. rights to build the Panama Canal.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco

Franco.



In 1964, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover described civil rights leader Martin

Luther King Jr. as "the most

Well, hello.

wreck. It is

"ancient," but it is decaying. It cannot possibly

ignorant man in argument."

William G. McAdoo U.S. government official notorious liar in the country" for accusing FBI agents in Georgia of failing to act on complaints filed by blacks. In 1966, U.S. Roman

Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays.

In 1969, financier-diplomat Joseph P. Kennedy died in Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 81.

In 1978, California Congressman Leo J. Ryan and four other people were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by 912 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides.

Ten years ago: Fifteen people were killed and more than, 150 wounded when Palestinian police opened fire on rioting worshippers outside a mosque in the Gaza Strip. The Commerce Department reported that America's trade deficit worsened to \$10 billion in September. Bandleader Cab Calloway died in Hockessin, Del., at age 86.

Five years ago: Twelve people were killed when a bonfire under construction at Texas A&M University collapsed. A jury in Jasper, Texas, convicted Shawn Allen Berry of murder for his role in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., but spared him the death penalty. American author and composer Paul Bowles, best known for "The Sheltering Sky" and other novels set in North Africa, died in Morocco at age 88.



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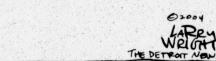
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Some advice on a second term

Some second-term ideas term is well-explained by for the triumphant Bush Kenneth Davis in his book administration:

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· Filibusters and judicial nominations. Beware of what happened to FDR in 1937 when, fresh from the most resounding reelection victory since the early days of the republic, he became filled with hubris and proposed to pack the Supreme Court.

Despite overwhelming majorities in both houses of Congress, the public backlash not only killed the plan but doomed his entire second-term agenda to disaster and defeat. The imperial overreach of FDR's second "Into the Storm." This election was not won

over abortion. It was won over Dick the war on Morris terror primarily and Columnist marriage secondarily. If

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the right attempts to twist its meaning to suit its purposes and use it to defang the checks-and-balances system, it will be guilty of its own form of imperial overreach. three-percentage-point A win will not sustain such an

overturning of the system on his appointments. which people of both parties rely to assure moderation.

After giving no hint of so radical a

step during the campaign indeed after keeping it well-hidden President

be seen as an act of treachery by the many pro-choice voters who backed him because of his international leadership, confident that the filibuster would prevent him from going to extremes in

Filibusters, obnoxious as they are to democracy, have acquired an accepted place in our democracy. Just as senators no longer feel obliged to vote against cloture, as they once did out of courtesy to one another, so the public no longer feels that the necessity to attract 60 votes for judicial nominafor tions is too onerous.

> If Bush jams through a ban on filibusters on nominations and then jams through Clarence Thomas as chief justice (by itself this would be OK) and then

> > See ADVICE, Page 5

who had backed reform leg-

the ordered rollbacks last

year is that some insurers

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Please stop the stonewalling.

Last fall, State Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor ordered many companies in Texas to roll back insurance rates. To no one's surprise, the insurance industry responded with warnings of dire consequences.

The dire consequences didn't occur. Most insurance companies accepted the commissioner's order and trimmed rates. All except State Farm and Farmers, whose run to the courts bottled up their ordered rate

Memo to State Farm and reductions for more than a year.

This week, State Farm and reductions, won more

judge ruled the that rollback procedure

violated

the Constitution. Based on the state's assessment, State Farm and Farmers would owe policyholders \$243 million plus interest accrued

over the past 14 months. Texas insurance officials

say the court ruling involves already has registered outa technical matter and will rage at the two insurers; we not hinder their authority to hope that state lawmakers Farmers, which had faced 12 order rate reductions if percent and 17.5 percent insurers can't present evi-

> critical juncture for

Texas weeks, insurance companies will be allowed to change rates without the prior approval of state regulators, an important next step toward building a more competitive market in Texas.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst

respectively, dence to justify their rates. This is a time when a state district Texas Thoughts

with rates to recoup investinsurance reform in Texas. In just a few

damage. Insurers have every right to make a profit, but regulators also have the responsibility to rein in excessive charges. The actions of State Farm and Farmers undermine the

See INSURERS, Page 5

Dallas Morning-News

Bush to spring it now would





Clarendon College-Pampa Center's choir will perform in concert in the Pampa Center Atrium on Tuesday. Nov. 23, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend. Choir members, shown here, practice for the event (from left to right): Amy Parnell (accompanist), Jenny Tollison, Julian George, and Mark Wood. Not pictured are Michelle Cox and Brian Kuhnert (choir director).

Local college plans holiday events

children to have a picture taken with family. Santa for the donation of a toy at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, Continental Credit Corp., United 1601 W. Kentucky, beginning 5 p.m. Supermarket, and Fenton Motors will said Winkler. on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 29 and be used to purchase canned food," said 30, in the atrium.

The free pictures can be picked up at president. the CC-PC office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3.

student government at Clarendon a performance at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. College-Pampa Center include the 23. November canned food drive. The col-

"Donations received from

The CC-PC choir led by instructor dents in the evening of Jan. 17. Brian Kuhnert will gather at the large Other activities scheduled by the Christmas tree in the CC-PC atrium for a month for the spring semester," said

lection will be donated to the Good includes two activities. Friday night unified."

Parents are invited to bring their Samaritan Christian Services and to a will be a karaoke-pizza party at the campus. Dec. 4 the students will enter a float in the Christmas Parade.

"The candy is already purchased,"

The student officers will begin the Tabitha Winkler, student government new semester in January with a getacquainted party for teachers and stu-

"We are scheduling an activity once Winkler. "My main goal this year is to unify the student body. In the past we The weekend of Dec. 3 and 4 have seemed to be individuals and not

The Pampa News — Thursday, November 18, 2004 — 5 **Two winners in annual**

turkey pardoning rite

The race was close, tough, Vice President Dick Cheney. sometimes bitter, but "now's the time for healing," House turkeys.

rite Wednesday to roast the the free-spending independbitter campaign for the White ent groups like Swiftboat movie.

The winning running Vietnam War. mates in Bush's satirical rendition of the presidential campaign were Biscuits and Gravy, turkeys raised in Mathias, W.Va. Their names came out on top in an online contest pitting them against the ticket of Patience and Fortitude.

"It was a close race. You might say it was neck and neck," Bush said. He spoke in the Rose Garden during a

WASHINGTON (AP) - rare joint appearance with "It came down to a few battleground states. It was a President Bush said in spar- tough contest, and it turned ing the lives of two White out some 527 organizations got involved, including Bush used the annual Barnvard Animals for Thanksgiving turkey-sparing Truth," Bush said, mocking House, jokingly recalling Veterans for Truth known as fund-raising disputes, attack 527s. The group raised quesads and a polarizing political tions about Democrat John Kerry's service in the



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play it. To counter that move and to make the package politisomehow finesse the neces- years. So, by 2030, it will but those who covet their

retirement age.

Since 1900, life expectan- ers will probably opt for the cally acceptable, Bush must cy has risen by about 45 short form and the flat tax,

one-time increase in the file a flat tax at a lower rate. Even high-bracket taxpay-

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pushes a Thomas or Antonin Scalia clone for the open spot on the court, he will squander a huge segment of the political capital on which he is relying for more important tasks ahead.

· Social Security. What Bush really wants is to make private investment of a portion of Social Security taxes possible for those who want to do it. What he must also do is reform the benefit structure to prolong the life of the trust fund.

He would have to cut benefits whether or not he proposed private investment, but Democrats will claim that he is cutting them to allow private investment.

That won't be true, but it

of the system. Here's my idea: Index the retirement age to life expectancy. In effect, say that "we will assure you an average

if you don't."

age to life expectancy." of 20 years of paid retirement - more if you — Dick Morris live longer, less Columnist

But as you live longer and remain From Stephen Moore, head healthy longer and aging is of the Club for Growth, postponed, you can't just comes a wonderful idea. expect a longer and longer paid retirement. Ultimately, will save a lot more money enumerate their deductions to Bill Clinton for 20 years. is how the Democrats will than a legislated three-year, and pay a higher rate or to

indexing, would likely be in the 'Here's my idea: 70s, mid Index the saving enough retirement money to preserve the system and

allow for the experimentation with private investment.

• Flat tax. Moore suggests adopting the flat tax on a voluntary basis,

sity to raise the retirement probably be in the 90s and mortgage deductions et al. age – the key to any reform the retirement age, under an will be able to indulge themselves and their accountants until their hearts are content. This move will disem-

power the lobbyists who will fight the flat tax, since it will not repeal any deductions but just make another way of paying taxes possible.

Everybody knows Bush would rather die than raise taxes, so people will trust him to make the package at least revenue-neutral.

And the Moore idea could remedy the political defects that undermined the flat tax when it was proposed in the '90s. ***

Dick Morris is a political the math of such an indexing i.e., allowing taxpayers to analyst. He was an adviser

Does this mean the wedding is off?

MILFORD, Conn. (AP) - Is the wedding still on?

That's one of the unanswered questions in the case of a man who police say staged a break-in at his own home so he could sell his fiancee's engagement ring.

George Rich, 43, was charged Tuesday with falsely reporting an incident and providing a false statement. He was released on a written promise to appear in Superior Court on Dec. 7.

couple's home look like a burglar had broken in and stolen jewelry, including the cious when they noticed gold engagement ring with Rich's name in a weekly diamonds. Court documents update on pawnshop activishow Rich pawned the items for \$5,000 at the Hock It To Me shop. On Sept. 21, Rich called

police to report that burglars ransacked his home and stole a gold cocktail ring and the engagement ring, both valued at \$2,500. He said.

Police said Rich made the also said a gold chain was missing.

Detectives became suspity. Records from Hock It To Me showed that Rich pledged a gold chain and two gold rings - including the engagement ring - at the business on Sept. 14. Rich later admitted the scheme to detectives, police

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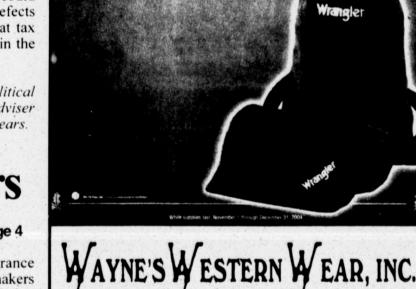
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HOSPICELINK. Hospice Education Institute, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is available to consumers free of charge. For more information about HEI, call 1-800-331-1620. HOSPICELINK lines are open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, Eastern time.

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Bishops signal commitment to abuse reforms at meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) ---Roman Catholic bishops have spent more than two years trying to convince parishioners and the public that church leaders have learned the painful lessons from the crisis over clergy sex abuse.

At this week's meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, some victims and lay people said they saw evidence that the bish-

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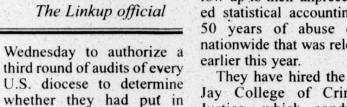
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This indicates a ray of hope that they are taking this more seriously."

> Susan Archibald The Linkup official

ops were committed to their reforms, although lay advocautioned cates more changes were needed. place mandatory safeguards The bishops voted

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plans for guilty priests.

bishops also The approved collecting data on new abuse claims, litigation and related costs, as a follow-up to their unprecedented statistical accounting on 50 years of abuse cases nationwide that was released

They have hired the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, which conducted

another study — examining why priests abused children. The new report is expected to be released next October.

Most importantly, a committee overseeing revisions of the child protection plan the bishops adopted at their Dallas meeting in 2002 has recommended preserving a ban on church work for abusive clerics. Church leaders may ultimately reject that

for children and discipline that research, to manage recommendation, but analysts say it is significant that the committee has endorsed the policy.

Victims had been worried the committee would recommend easing that rule for guilty priests who had completed therapy.

Susan Archibald, head of the victim advocacy group The Linkup, said she was

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Israelis accidently kill three Egyptian police

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By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops killed three Egyptian policemen mistaken for Palestinian militants along the Gaza-Egypt border early Thursday, in what the army called a "professional and operational" mishap.

Israel immediately apologized and opened an investigation into the incident, which threatens to increase tensions between the two countries.

The former enemies signed a peace agreement in 1979 but often have had shaky

relations.

The timing of the incident is especially sensitive because Israel wants Egypt to help secure the Gaza Strip after Israel's planned withdrawal next year from the coastal area.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit is scheduled to travel to Israel next week to discuss the Gaza withdrawal plan and the future of Palestinian Authority in

the wake of Yasser Arafat's death.

Aboul Gheit, who will be making his first visit to Israel since his June appointment, is to travel with Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman, who has been mediating between Israel and the Palestinians on the Gaza plan.

Egypt said the men killed in Thursday's incident were members of the Central Security Forces, a paramilitary unit run by the Interior Ministry.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Egyptian Egyptians killed as soldiers.

President Hosni Mubarak to express his "deepest apologies" for the incident.

In a statement released by his office, Sharon promised a quick investigation, and pledged to share the results with Egypt.

Israeli army officials also apologized.

"We are really and truly sorry and we have offered the Egyptians aid," said Col. David Menachem, the acting Gaza commander, adding that he hoped the incident would not affect security cooperation with the Egyptians.

Egypt's foreign minister issued a statement condemning the shooting, indicating his

government was not placated by Sharon's apology.

"Egypt condemns and strongly protests this regrettable incident. We demand that the Israeli authorities conduct an immediate, thorough and comprehensive investigation into the circumstances that led to this incident, and present an explanation," Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul

Thursday's incident

road along the Gaza-Egypt border. Israeli troops and Palestinian militants often battle in the area, where Palestinians smuggle weapons through tunnels into the Gaza Strip.

Israel Radio reported that the Egyptian forces were part of a unit responsible for preventing arms and drug smuggling across the border. Earlier reports said identified the



U.S., Australia resolve terms of trade accord



— Ahmed Aboul Gheit Foreign Minister

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> Gheit said. occurred along the "Philadelphi Road," a volatile patrol

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - The United States and Australia settled last minute differences over a free trade deal Wednesday, concluding an agreement to take effect in January 2005 that would add billions of dollars in new trade benefits for both nations.

The deal was announced on the sidelines of the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Santiago, Chile, by Australian Trade Minister Mark Vaile and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick.

The U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement is the first "FTA" between the United States and a developed country since the U.S.-Canada Free Trade in 1988. Agreement Australia is a large and growing trader partner of the United States and in 2003, Australia was Washington's 14th largest export market for goods.

Trade in goods and services between the nations totaled nearly \$29 billion last year, marking a 53 percent increase since 1994 as Australia imported U.S.manufactured aircraft, automobiles, auto parts, computers, machine, wood and

Man stages break-in to steal fiancee's ring

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That's one of the unanswered questions in the case of a man who police say staged a break-in at his own home so he could sell his fiancee's engagement ring.

George Rich, 43, was charged Tuesday with falsely reporting an incident and providing a false statement. He was released on a written promise to appear in Superior Court on Dec. 7.

Police said Rich made the couple's home look like a burglar had broken in and stolen jewelry, including the gold engagement ring with diamonds. Court documents

other products. The agreement had snagged at the negotiating table by U.S. concerns over Australia's price protections on pharmaceuticals and copyright laws. But officials said they settled differences without reopening negotiations that began in March 2003 and concluded last February.

"This is the most important bilateral deal that Australia has ever concluded," Vaile said at a news conference at the APEC forum. "It will deliver real benefits to all sectors, across all states and territories."

More than 97 percent of Australian exports to the United States will be duty free from next year, Vaile said. He added that he expected the deal to add more than 30,000 jobs and an estimated annual benefit of \$6 billion for Australia's economy.

"By opening markets for goods and services, promoting investments and enhancing protection for intellectual property ... this agreement will create real economic opportunities in both the United States and Australia for businesses, farmers, ranchers and workers," Zoellick said in a statement.

show Rich pawned the items for \$5,000 at the Hock It To Me shop.

On Sept. 21, Rich called police to report that burglars ransacked his home and stole a gold cocktail ring and the engagement ring, both valued at \$2,500. He also said a gold chain was missing.

Detectives became suspicious when they noticed Rich's name in a weekly update on pawnshop activity. Records from Hock It To Me showed that Rich pledged a gold chain and two gold rings - including the engagement ring - at the business on Sept. 14.

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Religion

Graham full circle with L.A. mission

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The nation was still recovering from World War II when a little-known minister pitched a tent over a sawdust floor in downtown Los Angeles and began preaching a powerful message of salvation.

His revival led 3,000 people to embrace Christianity over eight weeks and launched a decades-long career that reaped another 3 million Christian commitments, sparking a boom in evangelism worldwide.

Fifty-five years later, a frail Billy Graham is returning to greater Los Angeles for a four-day crusade that organizers say will be his last in California, with his final one scheduled next June in New York City.

Graham, 86, will speak about 30 minutes a day Thursday evening through Sunday in the 92,000-seat Rose Bowl — one of the biggest stadiums he's ever booked.

Greater Los Angeles has

preached here. The region of 5 million framed by barren hills and orange groves is now a sprawling metropolitan grid packed with 16 million people who speak hundreds of languages.

'The Gospel hasn't changed and people's hearts haven't changed they're still in need of the affection the Gospel can give.'

> -Billy Graham Evangelist

Graham says his message endures.

"I'll be preaching some of the same sermons I preached in 1949," Graham said in a phone interview. "The Gospel hasn't changed and people's hearts haven't

Gospel can give."

Graham's followers are pondering the future of evangelism without their charismatic leader, who has Parkinson's disease, broke his hip and pelvis in the past year and was treated for fluid on the brain in 2001. He uses a walker and has doctors and emergency substitute preachers on call during his rare appearances. Some 1,200 churches

from nearly 100 denominations have contributed more than 20,000 pastors and volunteers to plan the California reunion, substantial numbers but less than organizers wanted.

Graham confesses that filling the cavernous Rose Bowl is daunting. "I'm a little bit old for it, the stadium is a little bit big for me," he said.

Organizers say Los Angeles' size cuts both ways: The market has lots of untapped potential, but it's limited by language barrichanged dramatically since changed — they're still in ers, weeknight traffic and a

1949, when Graham first need of the affection the lifestyle that can crowd out time for worship.

"We're busy here, so who wants to think about religion?" said Dr. Jack Hayford, president of the International Foursquare Church in Los Angeles and the crusade's co-executive chair. "There's no other city in this country and maybe in the world where it's more difficult to communicate than LA."

Language plays a large part.

The crusade has spent \$1.4 million of its \$5.4 million total budget on advertising, most of it in non-English media. Organizers have trained up to 12,000 volunteers in 19 different languages to counsel non-English speaking converts who come forward to receive Christ. Audience members can listen in real time on 17,000 radios that will carry translations in 26 different languages - the most ever at a Graham crusade.

See GRAHAM, Page 12

Narrow margin distinguishes Washington race

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) ing Democratic Gov. Gary - Never in Washington Locke. state has a governor's race been so close.

Only 261 votes separated the two candidates after a painstaking tally that triggered an automatic recount, required whenever the margin of victory is fewer than 2,000 ballots.

For the time being, Republican Dino Rossi is out in front of Democrat Christine Gregoire.

They should know by next Wednesday — so says Secretary of State Sam Reed

A statewide recount has never reversed the outcome of an election, but Reed isn't saving that won't happen after the 2.8 million ballots are tallied — again.

"We really aren't going to know before we do this recount who the governor is going to be," Reed, a Republican who will oversee the recount, said Wednesday as the counties reported their final tallies.

At his Bellevue campaign headquarters, Rossi told sup-- who will replace outgo- porters he hopes to take his

the recount, "somewhere quieter than here." He went on to thank his wife, four lots.' children, brothers, sisters and cousins. "I've got a lot of relatives," the state senator joked, "probably about

261. Gregoire, the state attorney general, reassured cheering backers in Seattle that the election isn't over.

"We're going to make sure, in this recount, every single vote counts," Gregoire vowed. "This is not about_ Republican or Democrat, Libertarian or

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them up for adoption," Sean

Hawkins, the program's

founder and chief executive

told the Chronicle. "Most

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shelters try to do everything

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the Bureau of Animal

Regulation and Care is the

highest of the Houston

area's five primary local shelters. It killed 17,043 out

of 18,139 animals it took in

last year. A nonprofit group

that aids the shelter, Friends

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PetSmart stores and puts

them up for adoption every

Saturday, said Leigh

Hollyer, the group's presi-

The euthanization rate for

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family on vacation during Independent, this is about all of us as Washingtonians, standing up, casting our bal-

> The breathtaking closeness was reflected in Wednesday's horse race. Rossi began the day 19 votes ahead, but King County's 4. p.m. report gave Gregoire a 39-vote lead. Gregoire's lead thinned as the sun set.

At 5:14 p.m., Rossi went ahead by four votes. At 5:59, Gregoire took the lead by 13 votes. Finally, at 6:33 p.m., Benton County put Rossi ahead by 261 votes.



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YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Houston shelter rejects pet adoption offer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's animal shelter, which put 94 percent of its animals to death last year, has rejected an outside group's offer to help find homes for its dogs and cats.

The city's Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care rejected the offer by Spay-Neuter Assistance Program because the adoptions would not be profitable.

John Nix, division manager of the city shelter, said the \$25 sterilization fee, a \$7.50 heartworm test and other costs might exceed the \$35 the city charges residents who adopt animals.

The Spay-Neuter Assistance Program also said it would lend its truck to volunteers to take up to 30 animals to malls on Saturdays.

However, Nix said the (the Bureau of Animal city shelter does not have enough veterinarians to spay or neuter the 30 pets that would be sent out in the SNAP truck and can't afford to pay SNAP for the service. "It reached the point that

it's not profitable to do," Nix told the Houston Chronicle for a story in Thursday's editions. "I would have to have additional money in my budget."

Other major cities have waged aggressive spayneuter campaigns and now euthanize far fewer animals than the shelters in Harris County, the Chronicle reported. SNAP founder and chief executive Sean Hawkins said the city shelter's attitude is inconsistent with its mission.

"It appears it's easier for dent.

Signal

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encouraged by the outcome of the meeting, which is scheduled to end with a private session for bishops Thursday morning.

"Most skeptics felt that given the chance and given the time, the bishops would just keep taking steps backward until we were back where we were 10 years ago," Archibald said. "This indicates a ray of hope that . they are taking this more seriously."

Archibald also noted the bishops' Office of Child and Youth Protection, which monitors dioceses, has set up a system allowing victims to submit through a Web site comments on the abuse policy. Those suggestions will be considered in the review, which is scheduled to be completed next June.

Suzanne Morse, a spokes-

woman for Voice of the Faithful, the lay reform group created in response to the scandal, said there was this week's meeting. ment.

"They have recognized that this is an ongoing issue," Morse said. "That is encouraging."

However, Morse raised an issue that has become a chief complaint among critics:

that the bishops have not taken steps to determine who among them moved predatory priests from church reason for optimism after assignment to church assign-

> Morse's organization and the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests have repeatedly demanded that those bishops be publicly identified and forced to step down.

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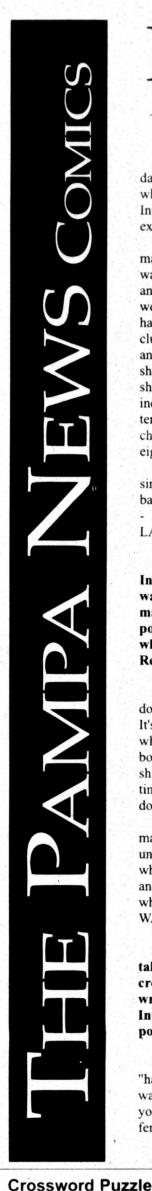
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DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old daughter went through exactly what the 16-year-old girl, "Not Interested in North Carolina," is experiencing.

I encouraged my daughter to make a list of all the things she wanted to accomplish in the future, and tell me if having a boyfriend would help. After she read what she had written, she came to the conclusion that dating was out for now, and she's fine with it. Now, when she feels peer pressure at school, she looks at her list -Ò which includes being a wonderful daughter, going to the college of her choice and traveling to certain foreign countries.

"Not Interested" should tape a similar list to her mirror or on the back of a door for easy reference. -- ENCOURAGING MOM, MID-LAND, TEXAS

DEAR MOM: After "Not Interested's" letter was printed, I was deluged with letters and email from readers offering support. The number was overwhelming O- too many to count. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I hope that girl doesn't succumb to peer pressure. It's far more important to know who you are than to have a boyfriend. Having healthy relationships should be her focus, not fitting into what "society" tells her to do.

I am now 24 and engaged to be married next summer. By waiting until I was ready, I knew exactly what kind of relationship I wanted and have found a wonderful man who shares my values. -- HAPPY I WAITED IN OHIO

takes courage not to follow the crowd. Not one of those who wrote to support "Not Interested" was sorry to have NOIS postponed dating.

and have been married for 21 years. After I had children, I realized that I am a lesbian -O and I have recently come out to my husband, family and friends.

My advice to "Not Interested" is to take her time dating boys, have fun with her sports, etc., and remember O- it's OK if she IS gay. If she's struggling, she should seek a gay support group for teens. --LOVING MOM, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

DEAR LOVING MOM: That's good advice for teens who may need it.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was a hard-core tomboy. I was never into makeup or jewelry, and my only relationship as a teenager was one rather short-lived stint of "going steady" with a male friend in my freshman year of high school Omore because it seemed "expected" then because of any real attraction.

My family wondered if I was heterosexual. When, in my last year of college, I found the one special man I had been waiting for and announced it to my family, one relative even asked if I was marrying a man!

I'm now happily married to my soul mate, but I still have not settled into a typically feminine role. I am a full-time career firefighter, one of only three in a department of 200 members. I am also a paramedic and a member of the K9 search and rescue community.

That girl should not permit other people to mold her into what they think she ought to be. She sounds like a perfectly healthy, normal young woman to me. There are plenty of people who are just like us. I didn't marry until I was in my DEAR HAPPY: I agree, it mid-20s. All things considered, I turned out pretty well despite "late blooming" O- and so will she. --FORMER TOMBOY IN ILLI-

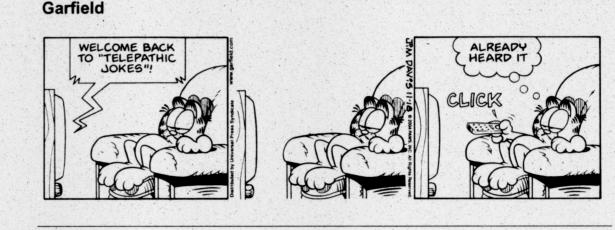
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DEAR ABBY: I was that girl, a "hard-core tomboy," which by the way, does not necessarily mean you're gay. (There are many very feminine lesbians.) I married at 22

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ABC network takes you for an idiot

instructed employees to do what they think is right. In fact, one of my 'crutch' sayings was, "Do it until someone smacks your hand and tells you not to do it again." There are exceptions to that rule of course. One of them was aired on the world stage this past Monday night.

I usually enjoy the opening skits the ABC television network runs during the opening of Monday Night Football. Other than the Simpsons, it is the only such opening I will tune in for. Generally, I let programs say 'Howdy', take the commercial break and then come back to begin my viewing. Wish I had Monday night.

The open included Terrell Owens in the Eagle's locker room-by himself for some reason-when Nicollette Sheridan enters dressed in only a robe or towel and asks him not to leave. Owens lets her know he's got to get on to the field. He's got a game to play. She then goes into a seductive posture and again asks Owens to stay with her. "I can't. My team needs me," says Owens. The strumpet then drops the terry cloth and leaps into his arms leaving little to the imagination. At that point, Owens decides this woman needs him more than his team does.

Keep away

As a manager in the past, I have Housewives, which features housewives who desire nothing more than to step out on their men. Sounds like wholesome family entertainment courtesy of the Mickey Mouse network to me. It is among the many shows I have never seen.



A few viewers took great exception to ABC airing this open, as well they should. In the wake of the switchboard onslaught, a network brain issued a statement explaining how it was in poor taste and probably should have never run in the first place. Such statements are a slap to the intellect of those it is meant for. It is like saying, "I knew if I pointed the loaded gun and pulled the trigger some one would get hurt. I see now it was a poor decision. I am sorry."

Some one at the network knew this was not the best it could offer. However, based on the success of other shows that suggest we as This Sheridan plays the role of some Americans are only interested in sex harlot on the ABC series Desperate and/or cheating on our spouses, ABC

decided the shock value was well worth the risk. After all, aren't you all amped-up now with anticipation of what they will offer next Monday night? ABC also knew it would offer a preconceived olive branch should any one really notice or complain. In short, they take you for a fool.

The gray area that separates what broadcast networks can and cannot do is getting grayer and grayer. What took place Monday night is ABC's attempt to regain the market share it, NBC, CBS, FOX and other such networks are losing to cable.

I have mused many times before how we are not too far away from televised executions and actual sex scenes. After all, ABC and the other broadcast networks will do what they can get away with until some one slaps their hand and tells them not to do it again.

By the way, there is another aspect of that open I think is being completely missed here. It turns out Terrell Owens is no different than Ricky Williams in that he is willing to sacrifice his team in exchange for his own self gratification. In today's lexicon, there is a difference between "Player" and "Play-Uh". If there is any player that should have suggested a script change, if not turned the gig down completely, it is Owens.



Hang time



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa sophomore Tyler Hall #22, finesses a shot over an Amarillo High defender during Tuesday night's game in The Pit. Hall and his fellow Harvester varsity teammates are back in McNeely Field House tomorrow night when they host Canyon. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

7th grade girls have solid games against Westeover Park

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High seventh grade girls' basketball teams were busy this past Monday as both faced Westover Park in season openers.

The A-team had a very good performance, but succumbed to a later fourth period Karla Stephens 4 pts Ashley Facio 2 pts Shelbie Watson 2 pts Servina Wagner 2 pts

The B-team never trailed in its game against Westover en route to a 20-10 win.

Leading scorers were: **Kimberly Curtis** 6 pts Andi Hutto 6 pts **Kristin Bivins** 4 pts **Cheyenne** Collins 3 pts. Kayla Ware 1 pt



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa Lady Harvester Britteni Rice looks for an open teammate during Tuesday night's game against Amarillo High. Pampa hosts the Canyon Lady Eagles tomorrow night at McNeely Field House. Tip off at 6 p.m.

Westover surge. Final score was 32-25.

Leading scorers were: Emily Troxell 8pts Carolyn Teichmann 7pts

Harvesters to be escorted out of town tomorrow morning

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Tickets for Saturday's 4A Area playoff game in Midland are still available for advance purchase at the Pampa High School Athletic Department. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. All tickets purchased at the gate Saturday will be \$8.

Pampa will face El Paso Parkland at 12 noon Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium in Midland.

Harvesters heading to the game are encouraged to take part in tomorrow morning's 11:20 a.m. send-off. You can caravan

with the team as it leaves town with an escort provided by the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

Pampa will make a stop at WT in Canyon for breakfast before heading Jones Field at Texas Tech for practice tomorrow.

Weather forecasters are calling for a brief respite from the rain for Saturday and temperatures in the mid to upper 50's for the game, with another winter weather system moving in Sunday that could affect travel for those leaving Midland late.

Pampa is favored by as many as 25points over Parkland.

Iron Bowl features top defenses

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) -Alabama has the nation's top pass defense and ranks second overall. No team in major college football allows fewer points than No. 2 Auburn.

Welcome to this year's edition of the Iron Bowl - sure to be a defensive struggle.

Saturday's game at Bryant-Denny Stadium will feature two of the best defenses around - units built on speed, sound fundamentals and simply making more big plays than they allow.

"This will probably be one of the best defenses, if not the best, defense we'll see, no matter how many games we have left or who we play," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said.

"I think it's the fastest defense we've seen all year," Alabama offensive coordinator Dave Rader said of the Tigers.

Alabama (6-4, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) is allowing just 230. total yards per game and has given up just eight passing touchdowns. Clearly, Alabama defensive coordinator Joe Kines knew whathe was doing despite criticism for

an inconsistent group last season. "Joe Kines took a lot of ridicule

last year and obviously has made a lot of people look silly," said Tuberville, a longtime friend of Kines.

The Tigers (10-0, 7-0) are allowing just 9.3 points per game, fewest in the nation, and rank fifth in total defense, eighth against the pass and 12th against the run. Plus, they've allowed a single touchdown on the ground heading into a matchup against the league's top rushing offense.

"They run to the football and tackle," Rader said. "They play well and if somebody makes a mistake, they make up for them and somebody's there to make the tackle. They swarm to the football very well. It's quite impressive."

The Tigers are led by the league's top pass rush, an undersized but quick and athletic linebacking corps and a secondary directed by safety Junior Rosegreen and cornerback Carlos Rogers, one of five finalists for the award given to the nation's top defensive player.

"They play lights-out football," Alabama offensive tackle Wesley Britt said. "They run around and they hustle and they never quit."

We are the champions



The Thunder 890 soccer team is, from left to right, front row- Caleb Blakely, Junior Ivarra, Rusty Snider of Pampa, Tyler McDonald, Derek Heard, Mitch Kelley of Pampa, Tanner Dyson of Pampa, Darcy Ivarra and Head Coach Jim Richey. Back row- Matt Ferguson, Sean Johnson, Zach Kaplan, Beau Daly, Andrew Mason, Mandi Russell, Caleb Hopson, Zach Hitt and JonPaul Richey.

Thunder 890 nets tournament win

The Thunder 890 soccer team recently competed in and won first place at the Mesquite Tournament. The team won five games en route to the tournament championship.

The Thunder 890 team is coached by Jim Richey of Borger and includes three players from Pampa.

Rusty Snider, Mitch Kelley and Tanner Dyson are all freshmen at Pampa High School.

Snider, Kelley and Dyson have also qualified for the National Soccer 3V3 Tournament in Florida in January.

Nov. 17 Hidden Hills Senior Scramble results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Here are the results from the Nov. 17 Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course:

1st Place (64) Pat Montoya **Oscar Sargent** Joe Mabry

Harley Knutson **Carroll Pettit** James Lee

3rd Place (68) Jerry Davis Jack Davis **Callens** George

2nd Place (67)

Closest to Pin- Bob Lyle on #6

Charges dropped against Carmelo Anthony

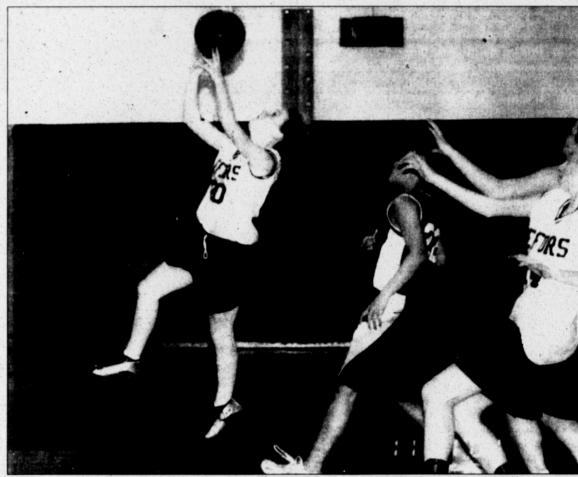
DENVER (AP) — Prosecutors dropped a marijuana possession charge against flight to Milwaukee for a preseason game. Denver Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony, saying it would be tough to get a conviction after a friend claimed the drug was his and not Anthony's.

less than 1 ounce of marijuana on Oct. 15 after a bag with the drug was found in his the marijuana in it.

backpack as the team waited to board a

Anthony said the drug belonged to a friend, James Cunningham. Cunningham, who often stays with Anthony when he is in town on business, signed an affidavit saying Anthony was charged with possessing he borrowed the backpack without Anthony's knowledge and accidentally left

Points a plenty



Lefors Lady Bandit Misty Parish tosses in a layup during her team's season opener earlier this week against Kelton. Lefors won the game going away, 49-7. Top scorers were Parish with 8 points, Haley Smith with 13 points, Ashlyn Johnson with 7 points and Emily Jackson with 6 points.

NBA ROUND UP

Anthony scores 30, O'Neal gets season high 26

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Now Carmelo Anthony can concentrate entirely on basketball again. That means defenses all over the NBA better get focused, too.

Hours after prosecutors dropped a drug charge against him, Anthony scored 30 points to help the Denver Nuggets hold off the visiting Toronto Raptors 112-106 on Wednesday night.

A little bit early in the season I was thinking about it, worrying about what they were going to do, but now I try to put basketball in the middle and work everything else around it," Anthony said.

The star forward was charged with possessing less than 1 ounce of marijuana on Oct. 15 after a bag with the drug was found in his backpack as the team waited to board a flight for a preeason ame. A mend came forward and said the drugs were his, but the negative attention clearly affected Anthony early this season. Not anymore. After shooting 27 percent the first four games, Anthony has made 36 of 76 shots (47 percent) the past four, scoring at least 30 points twice. More importantly, he has been more aggressive, and the smile he flashed so often as a rookie last season has returned. "Carmelo is active and not settling for jump shots," Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik said. "He is taking balls to the hole and hitting the offensive glass, and those kinds of things are needed for him to be a complete scorer." In other games, it was: Detroit 93, Minnesota 85; Seattle 79, New Jersey 68; Orlando 107, Utah 92; Indiana 93, Atlanta 86; Washington 110, Boston 105 in overtime; Phoenix 95, New

Orleans 84; Miami 113, Milwaukee 106; Memphis 101, Portland 82; Golden State 98, Chicago 85; and the Los Angeles Lakers 103, the Los Angeles Clippers 89.

Anthony also had a key block in the closing minutes and made all 16 free throws, including two with 5.6 sec-onds left to seal Denver's second win in three games since a 1-4 start.

Kenyon Martin added 24 points and 16 rebounds to give the Nuggets the electrifying 1-2 combination they were hoping for when Martin signed in the offseason.

Magic 107, Jazz 92

At Orlando, Fla., Grant Hill scored 32 points, his most in 4 1/2 years, and Steve Francis had season highs of 33 points and 11 assists for the Magic. **Pistons 93, Timberwolves 85**

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Chauncey Billups scored 15 of his 21 points in the third quarter and revitalized Detroit rallied to beat Minnesota.

Suns 95, Hornets 84

At New Orleans, Amare Stoudemire scored a career-high 38 points, one night after he had 34 in Dallas. The Hornets (0-7) attempted only two foul shots, tying an NBA low and breaking the team mark they set in Milwaukee on Saturday night when they took only three.

Heat 113, Bucks 106

At Milwaukee, Shaquille O'Neal scored a season-high 26 points and Eddie Jones had 27 to help Miami beat the Bucks for the second time in four days.

Pacers 93, Hawks 86

At Indianapolis, Jermaine O'Neal had 25 points and 13 rebounds to offset a dazzling performance by friend and former teammate Al Harrington, who scored 30 points.

Wizards 110, Celtics 105, OT At Washington, Antawn Jamison scored 27 points, Gilbert Arenas had 25 and the Wizards shut out Boston for the first 4:47 of overtime. Paul Pierce led the Celtics with a season-high 37

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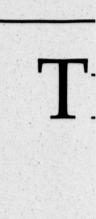
LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - Kansas football coach Mark Mangino was publicly reprimanded and ordered to pay \$5,000 for suggesting that officials deliberately tried to influence the outcome of his team's game against Texas.

"Coach Mangino's public statements called into question the integrity of the conference and its officials," Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said in a

ball back and drove for the winning score, saving its chances for a BCS bowl bid and a potential \$12 million to \$14 million windfall for the conference.

"BCS that's right," Mangino said after the game. "That's what made the difference today in the game.

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Billups, Ben Wallace and coach Larry Brown all returned to the Pistons after absences. Billups missed the previous game - a loss in Utah - with a sprained ankle. Wallace sat out two games because of a death in his family, and Brown missed five games including three losses — due to hip surgery

SuperSonics 79, Nets 68

At East Rutherford, N.J., Rashard Lewis scored 17 points and Seattle improved the NBA's best record to 8-1 despite starting the first half 0-for-10 and the second half 0-for-8.

The Sonics' eighth consecutive win came against a New Jersey team that had more fouls (29) than field goals (26) and committed 23 turnovers. The Nets lost their fourth straight.

points. **Grizzlies 101, Trail Blazers 82**

At Portland, Ore., Bonzi Wells scored 25 points against his former team, and Memphis led by as many as 34 in its first road victory

Warriors 98, Bulls 85

At Oakland, Calif., Jason Richardson had 27 points and eight rebounds, and Golden State beat Chicago (0-6) for its first home win in four games.

Lakers 103, Clippers 89

At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant had 23 points and a season-high 11 assists for the Lakers, who are 18-3 against the Clippers at Staples Center and 27-3 in the last 30 meetings overall.

statement.

"To insinuate that games are called unfairly so that one member institution can prevail over another is irresponsible and completely baseless."

After Kansas fell 27-23 to Texas in the final seconds of Saturday's game, Mangino implied it would work out better for the BCS if the Longhorns won.

The coach, who later backed off his comment, took issue with a pass interference call against Charles Gordon that forced the Jayhawks to punt with two minutes left. Texas got the

The conference prohibits coaches from criticizing officials.

Because the Big 12 handgoverning the book league's principles and standards of sportsmanship call for a one-game suspension for a "flagrant" violation, there was a possibility that Mangino would miss the regular-season finale against Missouri.

Mangino avoided that penalty.

"I accept it and the matter is closed," Mangino said after Wednesday's practice. "I'm looking forward to playing Missouri."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 19, 2004:

Though you often experience tension, you find ways of working through uptight energy. You might get into yoga or exercise more frequently. Some find you to be overactive. Many of you will take up a new physical hobby that keeps you busy and relaxes your nerves. Your artistic and creative outlets come forth. Indulge your imagination more often, particularly if you have talent in the arts. If you are single, romance and flirtation will provide exhilaration and an outlet. Don't assume a relationship is long-term until it has gone through the four seasons. If you are attached, focus some of your high energy into your special relationship. Add the excitement back again. PISCES can be even more fun than you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Insights will come naturally if you don't push too hard to perform. Someone at a distance has a lot to share. A partner has a lot to suggest and adds to your insight. Allow an associate to take the lead for a while. Tonight: Plan on some extra R and R. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You gain exactly what you want through unexpected sources and actions. Groups help you zero in on what you want. You feel as if a whole team is working beside you. Use the moment to move a project along rather than postpone it. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★Take your time dealing with work and partners. The product of your day could make all the difference. You accomplish a lot through your diligence and hard work. Clear your desk and get as much done as possible. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines draws another perspective. But be ready to do your own research and get to the bottom of a changing situation. Use your imagination, and you'll get answers. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ A partner surprises you and helps you revamp your schedule and decisions. You need to follow through on what is important to both of you. As a result, you will gain and someone else will feel pleased. Don't be pushed by a family matter. Tonight: Make plans to stay together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take the opportunity to listen to someone, as unpredictable as you might find him or her. You'll gain a wealth of knowledge. Refuse to be critical or overly reactive. Accept what is being offered. Stand back and refrain from criticizing. Tonight: Go along with plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Spending more might not get the results you want. Yes, it can and will update your office, but it might not be the solution to a better product. Pace yourself and question a purchase more carefully. Get feedback. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Your unpredictability comes through and sheds light on your well-being. You have a strong will;

directing it properly could be a different story. Investigate options with your unique curiosity. Your ideas are worth listening to. Tonight: Let your spirit emerge

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You are coming from a strong source of vitality and uniqueness. You could summon unusual strength from your anger. You might want to think through any impulsive actions. Check out the ramifications. Tonight: Happily

head home CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A friend drives a hard bargain. You might want to go along with this offer, but you could opt to step back. Others see you as unpredictable. Actually, you are taking an unusually strong stand. Tonight: Be spontaneous. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your intuition comes through for you in a big way. You know what to do to draw the reactions you want. Sometimes having an authority figure. or boss on the warpath might help you make a point. Tonight: Your treat. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Others find you to be unpredictable and difficult, as you see the inevitable occur. Part of the energy comes from you. News from a distance invigorates your energy and perhaps a change in plans. Tonight: Anything is possible.

BORN TODAY

Actress Jodie Foster (1962), gymnast Kerri Strug (1977); designer Calvin Klein (1942)

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No sign of NHL lockout ending anytime soon

lockout that's already nine weeks old won't end anytime soon unless owners show some willingness to negotiate, agents said after a meeting with the players' union.

The NHL Players' Association held an informational session with 62 agents Wednesday, explaining the union's proposal in detail, sharing correspondence with the league and answering whatever questions the agents had.

"I see the possibilities - from both sides," agent Don Meehan said. "This wasn't an affair today that we were given a jaundiced view in terms of one position. I think it was a frank assessment of the aims and objectives of both sides.

"I see possibilities for resolution," he added. "At least I can draw my own conclusion in terms of what might be satisfactory for both sides."

But Meehan might be the only one. While most agents remain hopeful the season can be saved, their optimism that it will actually happen appears to be fading.

We've got real concerns that we're going to lose the season, there's no question," agent Don Baizley said. "Both sides remain resolute at this moment, so there is a real risk of losing the season, there's no question about that. But

CHICAGO (AP) — An NHL everybody hopes that can be avoided.'

> The lockout, now in its 63rd day. was imposed by commissioner Gary Bettman after the collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15. The NHL and the players association haven't met since Sept. 9, and have no plans to return to the bargaining table.

> The All-Star game has already been canceled, and the Stanley Cup finals are in danger of being wiped out for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due a Spanish influenza epidemic.

> "I'm not very optimistic at all," said Dallas Stars forward Bill Guerin, a member of the executive board. "But you never know. We're still very early into this whole lockout process. But I'm not optimistic."

A handful of players said last month they would be willing to play under a salary-cap system or would return to the ice next season if the NHL decided to use replacement players if a deal wasn't reached. But the agents emerged from Wednesday's meeting with a united front, and NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow said there are no plans to give the owners a new proposal.

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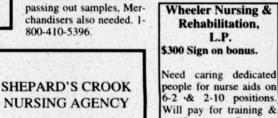
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